**Upton with Fishley Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 7th May 2020**

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| **1** | **Covid19 Virus:** |
| 1.1 | Laura Davey will update the Council on resilience issues in the village. |
| 1.2 | We’ve received the £500 grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation. After some confusion as to whether it can be used to buy food, they now seem to have agree that it can. Acle has set up a food bank, collecting at the Methodist Church, and has been supporting a resident, who was referred by BDC.  The White Horse and Community Shop committee are obviously doing a fantastic job keeping the shop stocked and delivering to local residents. |
| 1.3 | **Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council** have two phone numbers for residents to ask for help and support. These have been advertised by letter to everyone’s home and on facebook and websites. |
| 1.4 | The councillors were contacted by some residents who were concerned about people driving into the village to walk here. Having checked the Government website and spoken to the local police officer, I posted that the advice was to stay local, but that Upton was surely local for Acle residents, just as Acle is where Upton residents would go for their local library, local pharmacy, local supermarket etc. Our MP also rang me about it and was happy that people from local villages could also drive to Upton to walk. |
| 1.5 | Shortly after this, I was asked by a resident if I would like him to remove all village benches during the virus crisis. Philip Armes and I both felt that local residents need somewhere to sit on their daily exercise, so long as everyone washes their hands when they get home. |
| 1.6 | **Council meetings** – The Government introduced legislation, (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) which took effect on 4th April to permit virtual meetings for the first time, and this legislation is in place until 7th May 2021, although it can be repealed.  The Parish Council will be using Zoom.  I will invite interested residents to email me for a link to the meeting. |
| 2 | **Minutes**  The Minutes of 2nd April 2020 have been put on the website. |
| 3 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 2nd April and my April Clerk’s Report** |
| 3.1 | I sent them all the papers off again to the Land Registry, as they requested, but I have heard nothing further. |
| 4 | **Accounts and Annual Return** |
| 4.1 | I have completed the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020, and John Gallop has completed the internal audit, without anything to report.  Approval of the Accounts and Annual Return will be on the agenda for approval. |
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| 5. | **Correspondence:** |
|  | I’ve heard from a few charities who are asking for donations as their normal funding streams have dried up:  Vision Norfolk (Nfk and Norwich Association for the Blind)  Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – need to buy PPE  East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices  Priscilla Bacon Hospice  Scotty’s Little Soldiers  Red Cross  Ginny Pitchers has also reminded me that we’ve not given a donation to Foxy Lodge for some time, as a thank you to Janet Southgate for litter picking. |
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**Pauline James – 30th April 2020**